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Orange shirts, warm hearts

A group of Orange Shirt wearers walk in Head Lake Park on Saturday, Sept. 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Residential School survivors and those who didn't make it home. The walk was organized by the Haliburton County Youth Hub. Read this week's editorial for more on Orange Shirt Day and the Every Child Matters movement. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

County gets in line early for new ambulance

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's paramedics are getting a new ride.

County council agreed during its Sept. 27 regular meeting to give pre-budget approval for a new ambulance. It will cost \$262,897 plus taxes with a required deposit of 30 per cent.

Tim Waite, the chief paramedic and

director of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, said it's been past practice to replace an ambulance annually and two every six years or when the vehicle up for replacement is at 300,000 kilometres of service.

There's currently one ambulance ordered, and the county is awaiting its arrival.

"Prices of ambulances have significantly (gone) up," he said.

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Charlene McConnell of Purple Door Pottery stands with some of her work during the first week of the Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands. The Studio Tour is on again this weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit thestudiotour.ca to view the map. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Paul Rolfe's woodcarving studio is located at stop U of the Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands.

Rose Pearson smiles in her home studio during the first weekend of the Studio Tour.

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New power load system will save paramedics' back: chief

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Waite said he remembers a time when an ambulance would cost \$148,000. The vehicle previously ordered that they're awaiting delivery this year dinged the county purse at close to \$200,000.

"And they've gone up nine per cent this year," he said. "Very significant increases in prices."

He recommends council and the paramedic service get their order in the books as soon as possible.

"Getting the ambulance in a timely fashion is still taking time," Waite said. "So the idea is to get our order in now so hopefully we can receive this ambulance sometime in 2024."

The ambulance to be replaced has 308,398 kilometres on its odometer and is a 2017 model.

"It'll have another year of driving," Waite said. "It'll be the second vehicle up, but it'll still put on significant kilometres in the next year."

He also urged council to OK the inclusion of a power load system on the new vehicle.

"The power load system is becoming the industry standard," he said. "Most services are going to it now. It eliminates the actual lift into the back of the ambulance."

The power load allows the paramedics to roll the stretcher onto a platform and secure it. The power load then loads and secures the stretcher and patient in the ambulance without any lifting or exertion required.

The system will assist the paramedics and mitigate potential injury from load-

ing the patient and stretcher into the back of the ambulance. The power stretchers that we now have eliminate most of the lifting during a patient carried call, but loading into the back of the ambulance still requires significant strain on back, arms, and shoulders, especially if the patient is quite large.

Waite stated in his report that the paramedic service has experienced significant increases in call volumes since 2020. Increased call volume results in additional lifting by staff during a shift.

"In 2020, we experienced two lost time back injuries due to lifting," he wrote. "In 2023 to date, we have seven reported injuries, five of which have resulted in lost time."

If the power load system is installed at the factory, there's probably about a \$5,000 savings rather than retrofitting an ambulance later, he said.

Haliburton County Paramedic Service replaces ambulances and other equipment on a predetermined schedule.

In a written report to council, Waite said that the department is recommending the previous practice of single-source purchasing of the ambulance fleet from Crestline Industries be continued.

"Crestline ambulances are made of a lightweight aluminum and come with a lifetime paint warranty as the 'box' is powder coated and extremely durable," he wrote. "Our entire fleet consists of Crestline which creates consistency of layout and use for the paramedics. In addition, it allows us to maintain a consistent stock of parts."

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said that, with steady pop-

ulation growth, the closure of the Minden Emergency Department, and emergency services response times in the face of increased calls, council should endeavour to stay ahead of the curve.

"I know the ambulance you're replacing can always go into some sort of a reserve that if you need it," Carter said. "If you're close to the 400,000 kilometres on it, there's not going to be much left of them."

"We have to make sure that we can continue to have an adequate supply and we should not right now but probably next year look at the possibility we may need to get an extra unit."

"That's something we can talk about

during the budgeting process," said Warden Liz Daniels, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "As well, early next year if we have a strategic planning process, we'll include that in the discussion."

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Search continues for wanted person

On Monday there was an increased police presence in the area of Gelert road in Minden Hills as a result of a search for a wanted person.

On Monday Sept. 25, at approximately 1 p.m. members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended a residence on Gelert Road to locate and arrest a wanted person. This person fled into a wooded area.

As a precaution, members of the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), Canine Unit, Aviation Services and Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) were dispatched to

the area to assist in the search. The person was not located. OPP continue to investigate. There is no risk to public safety.

Anyone who may have information that may assist with this investigation are asked to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://www.khcrimestoppers.com>.

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Septic inspections give opportunity for shoreline education: Korpela

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The responsibilities asked of Dysart’s septic system inspectors have widened in scope to include aspects of the township’s Site Alteration Bylaw.

In addition to administering the annual septic maintenance inspections, Dysart council decided Sept. 26 that inspectors can use the opportunity to educate property owners about the importance of shoreline health.

Karl Korpela, Dysart’s chief building official, said staff are looking into utilizing the aspects of the bylaw to complete a property shoreline health report in conjunction with the municipality’s ongoing Septic System Maintenance Inspection Program.

The township adopted its Site Alteration Bylaw in August. A page dedicated to the legislation has been added on the Dysart website. The page will be a summary of the regulations, educational material, and a link for comments, questions, and complaints.

“Such a specific educational component with having the full attention of the property owner could be extremely beneficial,” Korpela wrote in a report to council.

He said the local repair and supply industry can’t keep up with work that stems from recommendations in septic system inspection reports. Tasking septic inspectors with shoreline inspections might serve to better pace inspections to more timely remediation work.

“Our inspection staff could review each existing developed property for the quantity and quality of natural vegetation comparative to what is permitted by today’s

standards, ensure retaining walls are maintained in good repair, and how foundation drainage is disposed,” he said.

The reason it’s so important is that property owners are required to be on site for the septic system inspections.

“We have their full attention,” Korpela said.

It would be advantageous to include the educational piece about shoreline protection during those visits.

As it’s an educational component about the shoreline, it isn’t meant to be an inspection with an eye toward remediation.

“We’ve found from the sewage system maintenance

inspection program that a lot of residents get right into it,” Korpela said. “They want to know what their score was. They want to know how good it was.”

“I think as long as it’s educational and not punishing people because they don’t have something that looks good to us,” Mayor Murray Fearrey said. “Tell them about it and tell them how they can improve it.”

“The report card will have no bearing on anything other than their own ego, really,” Korpela said. “Other than the sewage system maintenance component, that will be the component that we continue with. If there’s issues there, then that’s something that they have to upgrade.”

Dysart modifies zoning amendments for condos

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Necessary zoning bylaws have been amended that will take a Grass Lake condo development closer to fruition.

Dysart council agreed during its regular meeting Sept. 26 to OK land zoning changes that will be push Harburn Holdings Ltd. closer to breaking ground a proposal to build 88 condominiums at Peninsula Road and County Road 21 that fronts on Grass Lake.

The applicant sent a letter to council in July, requesting that a zoning amendment be considered. Haliburton County approved the amendment in April but it’s being appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

The proponent has said that, if council passes the zoning bylaw and that’s also appealed, then the applicant will seek to have that appeal joined with the Official Plan amendment appeal and processed together.

“Rather than two separate appeals,” said Kris Orsan, the township’s planning manager.

The municipal council had a special meeting in September 2022 about the zoning bylaw amendment. Council recommended that the amendment be approved in principal so it could be kicked up to the upper tier level for a possible Official Plan amendment.

The owner of a veterinarian clinic near the site of the proposed development raised concerns about how the residential build will affect water quality and quantity.

Orsan said subsequent dialogue between the veterinarian clinic owner and Harburn Holdings, the zoning bylaw was further modified to include provisions to ensure the integrity of the water supply.

“The intent of the modification ... is to create a special policy area within the Dysart et al. Official Plan to ensure that the applicant and future owners of the subject lands prove adequate drinking water without impact to neighbouring properties prior to development,” Orsan said.

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Haliburton property owners ask for complete ban of deer feeding

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Some Dysart residents are pushing for a total ban of deer feeding year-round as well as an extension of the applicable bylaw area.

Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition, Haliburton-By-The-Lake Property Owners Association, and Country Rose recently submitted documents for Dysart council's consideration during the Sept. 26 meeting asking for changes to be made to the deer feeding bylaw.

"They both want the same thing," said Karl Korpela, Chief Building Official for Dysart. "To amend the bylaw. Essentially, they're looking for, all year, to restrict the deer feeding. They're looking to have the fines doubled after each offense, and they're looking to increase the area of our mapping to the original bylaw when it was created."

Korpela said the map was reduced considerably from the hamlet area down to just Halbiem and the town's centre.

"These groups have a new map showing expansion to the whole hamlet area again as well as including the public works garage and including all of Harmony Road," he said.

Country Rose submitted a letter expressing the desire to extend the area to the public works garage on Highway 118 due to a high volume of deer/vehicle collisions.

"There's nothing that restricts us from increasing those date timelines. I think those timelines were put in to kind of wean off the deer," Korpela said.

He noted it would be in the hands of the Ministry of the Attorney General to approve or decline a fine increase.

"I've never seen a fine amount that doubles ... But we can explore that if that's something council wants to look at as well."

Murray Fearrey, mayor of Dysart, said he was under the belief that the bylaw was to be in effect all year.

"Certainly it was the intention I believe, by council, I don't know why it wouldn't be, that it would be a year-round [restriction] from feeding in the area that was designated, so we need to make sure that that's correct to start with, because for some reason that looked like you could feed them in the summer which makes no sense," Fearrey said.

From the Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition, Gail Gillespie was in attendance to answer questions and express the group's concerns with the current state of the bylaw.

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"There's been lots of discussion about weaning deer off," Gillespie said. "You can't just feed deer a little bit. We have a lot of feeders right now. If you try and wean them off, as soon as you offer any amount of food, the deer are still going to stay around."

She said after talking to people on Cat-tail Road who stopped feeding completely, the deer moved elsewhere.

"What we want is a complete ban. There's just so much damage to this town. The deer really aren't healthy ... There's too much competition. They're all hanging around for an easy meal. The younger and weaker ones, from what we can see, are not getting enough food," Gillespie said.

Ward 1 Councillor Pat Casey brought up the topic of deer feeding yards and if they could be used to draw deer away from town.

"It could be a good compromise for everybody ... To me if we can lure them away, at least it introduces them back into a wild environment instead of the town environment," Casey said.

Gillespie explained deer feeding yards in the area in the past were not created by humans.

"They will yard themselves, that's a natural behaviour. It's not a policy the MNR endorses anymore at all. The kind of feed we give them is not good for them. It's sub-par nutrition, corn and hay is terrible," she said.

From the group's research, it takes weeks for deer to be able to change the bacteria in their gut to digest natural food.

She added it would also increase the population of deer to a specific area.

"It would be nice to draw them out of town, for sure, but personally I think they will do that on their own. I don't know how long it would take," Gillespie said.

Fearrey noted the delegations that have taken place on both sides.

He said some are very passionate about feeding deer, claiming it helps them survive.

"Of course there are people selling [the feed] that do very well too. I don't know where to take this. The first thing we need to do is get the bylaw fixed for now, and then if we're going to look at any expansion for this year, we need to address that as a separate issue," he said.

"A lot of people think they're doing the right thing. We have to try and find a middle ground here somewhere. We will have further discussion on it for sure."

The current fine is \$150 for each day a new offense occurs.



A group of Dysart property owners have started a group in an effort to push for a complete ban on deer feeding in town. /Photo by Tammy Nash



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Every Child Matters

NATIONAL DAY for Truth and Reconciliation was on Saturday.

It's also known as Orange Shirt Day, a time to wear the vibrant colour to honour Indigenous children who never came home safe from Residential School and the Survivors, their communities, and culture that were forever changed by it.

In Haliburton County, we all know about Residential School from what we've learned - from the media, books, school.

We know some the horrible stories.

But it inevitably always felt like a distant concept.

Though the Highlands are situated on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, the population of Indigenous people here is small.

The closest Reserve is about an hour away. The closest Residential Schools were a couple of hours away.

I learned about them in school. We watched dramatizations. But again, it was a distant concept I had a hard time grasping. The horrors were a little easier to forget about when we don't see them first-hand.

"Thank goodness this didn't happen in 'our' backyard."

But my mindset was changed this past spring when I traveled to Vancouver Island to visit family.

They live in a small town three hours north of any city, only accessible by one main road.

From their little town, you can take a ferry to two smaller islands between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

One is a reserve, and Indigenous people make up over half of the population.

Now, I've been to this island quite a few times. It has a really beautiful cultural centre located in a building where Potlatches had been held for centuries.

I guess I could blame it on my young ignorance then, but in the past,

I would look at the artifacts, take photos of the totem poles outside, and we'd get back on the ferry and head home. Back to my comfortable life.

"Out of sight, out of mind." Ignorance.

When I went back this year, though, I willed my ignorance away. Or should I say, the island willed it away.

As we drove off the ferry and approached the cultural centre, a huge structure in the shape of a t-shirt loomed on the hill, painted orange.

My stomach churned.

The big orange shirt was located exactly where that Residential School used to be.

Suddenly, that once distant concept was staring me in the face.

The cultural centre was just as heartbreaking. Room upon room outlined the history of colonialism on that little island.

The tour of the centre finishes with the Potlatch room, a space dedicated to their most sacred ceremonies.

From 1884 to 1851, Potlatches were illegal. Celebrating Indigenous culture was against the law.

Assimilation was written on the walls of

that school, too. That one and over 100 others.

I picked up a book from that cultural centre about that particular "school" and read it in one night, as I looked out across the ocean towards that little island where hundreds of kids were held as prisoners.

There's not enough space to write about the horrors within that book and within the Truth and Reconciliation reports.

But after standing on the same dirt as those little kids, looking up at the big orange shirt, I can assure you that the "distant concept" is all too real.

As settlers living in Canada, this did happen in "our" backyard.

Every. Child. Matters. On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and everyday.



vivian collings

Editorial



Peak colours on Eagle Lake.

by Vivian Collings

Colouring the world

THE WORLD had turned grey. Monika and Jim were in the city for Jim's medical appointment and Monika, good friend and neighbour that she was, had offered to drive him to the big smoke. And what a contrast between the place they left and their destination.

They had departed that morning surrounded by red and golden hills with the fall-coloured vegetation bursting out everywhere. It certainly felt like a different world from the one they entered three hours later.

While Monika drove, she and Jim exchanged memories of other autumns in other times. Because they had known each other since childhood, some of their recollections overlapped. Monika remembered looking out across the lake at the distant shore on fire with maples. Jim recounted walking with his children along their sideroad and how the kids liked to kick their small feet through the bright leaves piling up on the shoulder.

Of course for Jim food was usually top of mind, and he spoke with relish of the roasting turkey smells emanating from the kitchen and that apple pie sitting on the counter, waiting. One year when he was ten he had tried to sneak a small sliver but had been caught in the act before the deed was done. His punishment had been only one piece of pie instead of the usual second serving. He never tried that again.

Monika recalled coming into the house after a day of helping with the fall garden clean up. The wood stove was on and that combined with the roasting turkey had warmed her cold cheeks and made her stomach almost ache with anticipation of the big meal.

However today there was no turkey, pie or brightly hued surroundings as they crawled through downtown traffic, looking for a parking spot. Monika circled the block several times and then, she got lucky. A vehicle was just pulling away from

the curb, and so she nabbed its place. Then, as the two walked along the sidewalk, heading for Jim's appointment, they couldn't help but notice all was not as grey as they had first imagined.

The spindly city trees had turned yellow, and here and there fall asters poked their purple heads through overgrown parking lots. The sun still shone here, just as it did back home, and its warmth seemed to perk up passersby. For indeed there were always passersby. People were everywhere. Because it was just after noon, office workers were sitting at outdoor cafes and benches, soaking up the rays. Monika wondered if they also had Thanksgiving plans.

She knew the lucky ones would be heading out of the city for the long weekend.

When she mentioned this to Jim, he reminded her of the long line of cars that snaked through Algonquin Park every fall weekend. City folk looking for a taste of nature, open sky and maybe a moose sighting. So while those people were visiting

tourists, Monika and Jim were also visitors now, out of their usual element. Like the fall visitors in cottage country, Monika and Jim were taking in their city surroundings, looking for signs of fall colour amid the grey landscape. It took some effort, but it was there if they looked for it.

So the world wasn't quite as grey as they had first assumed. Still, on the drive home, with the night quickly approaching, Jim pointed out a sky streaked with sunset and full moon rising. Imagine what it would be like, he said, to not be able to see the colours at this time of year. And imagine, Monika pointed out, to also be unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with people who mattered to you.

That won't be a problem for us, Jim replied. After all it's your turn to cook the turkey this year, right?

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points of view

Thoughts on Thanksgiving

I THINK MOST people know that Thanksgiving isn't for everyone. It is very unlikely that turkeys, for instance, are big fans of the holiday.

In truth, I have never put a lot of stock in the holiday either, but this is not because I am ungrateful. It is more because the concept is redundant for me. I am thankful every day.

This might be hard to believe, but I even wake up happy on Monday mornings.

I'm not saying my life is perfect. But I will say if they made top shelves just a few inches lower, it would be pretty darn close.

Of course, I am one of the lucky ones. I have all I want and more than I deserve. I have love in my life. I feel valued. I am surrounded by good people and wonderful friends. I have a great dog who sleeps at my feet while I write things like this. I have figured out how to use all our TV remotes. I go hunting or fishing when I want. My hierarchy of needs has been met – and then some.

Unfortunately, there are folks who are not so fortunate. Maybe you know someone who fits that description.

For them, life is tough these days. Young people are struggling to find the standard of living and happiness their parents and grandparents came by so easily. Families are finding it hard to make ends meet no matter how

hard they try. People are falling through the cracks of our social networks. Those on the fringes of society are being set aside, and often disparaged, and sometimes victimized.

Shelves are still too high – and, worse still, they are often empty.

The world is as imperfect as it has always been.

But that doesn't mean we can't all try just a little harder to move it in a more perfect direction. Though it has been said many times in this newspaper and in slogans wherever you look, kindness and respect does matter.

In fact, I think they are the key.

I am not going to burrow down the complex rabbit holes of politics, climate change, or social, global, racial, and historical injustices. I am a simple, uneducated man – and, I believe, these debates are best suited to those who truly understand the issues.

But even a simple man can feel what is right.

The only thing I know for certain is that everyone needs help at some time, and everyone could use a little more kindness. I know this because I have been the beneficiary of both throughout my life, as I suspect many of you have. So, when you doubt what these simple gifts can do, remember what they do for you.

The beauty of kindness and respect is that it is free to give – and, when given, it elevates everyone involved in the transaction. When you dispense kindness and respect, it somehow comes back to find you again. The same goes for hate, by the way.

I know this message is simple. But kindness and respect are still too rare. And that's a shame because it is needed more than ever in a world in which we have perfected so many means to communicate and, in doing so, created more loneliness, anxiety, and despair than ever.

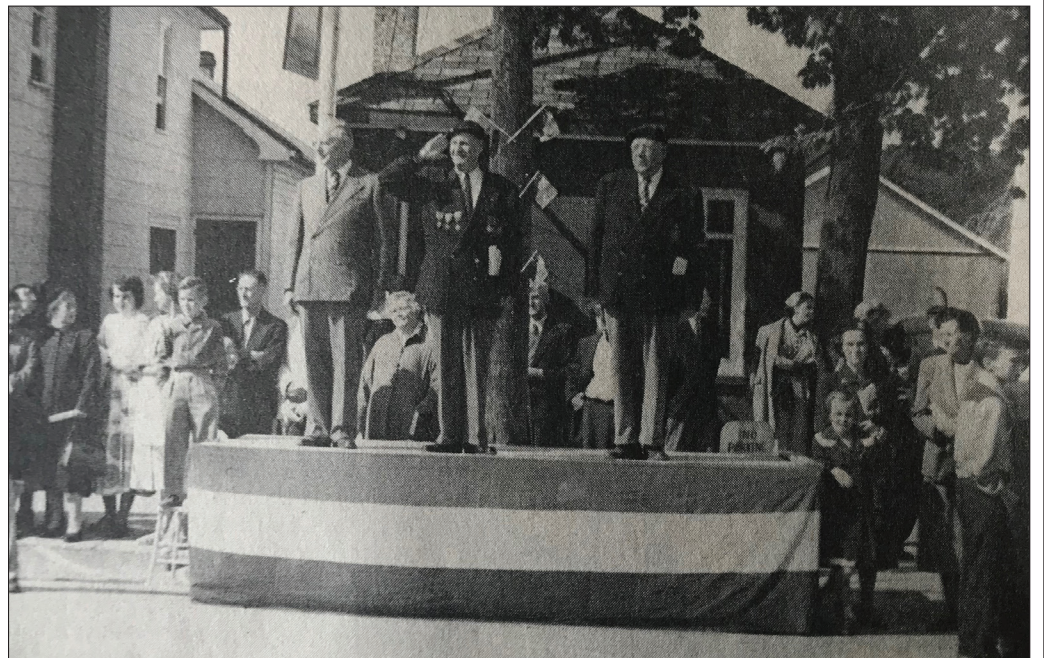
It is great and even appropriate to be thankful. But maybe Thanksgiving should also be about leaving everyone something to be thankful for.

The turkeys, of course, notwithstanding.



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pic of the past

Our Pic of the Past this week was taken at the first Drumhead Service held in 1954. Col. R.I. Moore is shown in the centre on the saluting base taking the salute as the parade passes on Highland Street in front of Frank Hodgson's insurance office next to the Kosy Korner. Premier of Ontario at that time, Leslie M. Frost, is on the left and zone commander George Potts is on the right. This photo was originally contributed to the *Haliburton County Echo* by Don Johnston, published in 1982.

letters to the editor

Fotos for Food Bank

A unique fundraising raffle, Fotos for Food Bank, is an opportunity for a Haliburton Business to win a full day of professional commercial photography to help promote or elevate their business website, marketing, advertising, social media, etc. This creative contest is the idea of professional photographer Nation Wong of Nation Wong Photographics. (www.nationwong.com) with all proceeds going directly to the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton. The raffle is open to all members our local Haliburton County Business community and This contest is supported and in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

"As new small business in Haliburton, by joining the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce and attending the annual business gala, I was welcomed by many local business people who were interested in my business and truly supportive of local business and the community," said Nation Wong of Nation Wong Photographics. "There are many important local charities that need funding and it was not easy narrowing down to one. Personally I hear so much about food insecurity today and not having food on the table is a situation that no one should be in. Judy Macduff, director of the Haliburton County Food Bank, mentioned that every penny counts which really resonated with me. So I'm hoping to raise as much I can for the Food Bank. I'm happy to say that Foodland – Haliburton and Todd's Your Independent Grocer have already committed to contributing to the Food Bank through the Fotos for

Food Bank."

Prize: Opportunity for a Haliburton Business to win a professional commercial photography package to help promote or elevate their business website, marketing, advertising, social media, etc. Prize includes a two hour one to one meeting to discuss and plan the professional photos that you need to help promote your business, and a full day of commercial photography to showcase your products and services. provided by Nation Wong Photographics. www.nationwong.com

Raffle Rules: Fotos for Food Bank contest is open to all local business community members. Raffle entry is \$50 per entry. Contact Judy Macduff at Haliburton Food Bank for raffle entry at 705-457-3010. Cheques can be dropped off at 33 York Street. Provide business name, phone number, email and name. Also mention Fotos for Food Bank to get proof of entry. You can also donate online through the Food banks website – ensure you include Fotos for Food Bank in the private message.

4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton (www.haliburton4cs.org) and so many food banks across Canada have seen a twofold or more increase in the last year. Haliburton Food Bank serves around 175 local families a month. The money raised helps families buy fresh produce, milk and eggs with vouchers. The Food Bank doesn't currently provide refrigerated food, the funds will be used for vouchers which can provide families fresh food.

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Huskies' unbeaten streak ends at 5

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies headed down to the LECOM Harborcentre in Buffalo, New York for 2023 OJHL Governor's Showcase.

The Showcase is designed to show off all 24 OJHL teams before various USports, NCAA and NHL scouts. The Huskies would face off against the Oakville Blades and the Toronto JRC.

Battle with the Blades

The first matchup against the Blades took place on the Key Bank Rink, with plenty of scouts and other officials in attendance. The Blades struck first at 6:45 of the first when Max Donohoe lit the lamp to give the blades the early lead.

Hunter Martell added his first as a Huskie right before the end of the period, burying a powerful slap shot from the point past Gavin McCarthy to knot things up at 1 a piece. Heading into the second, the Blades and Huskies were extremely even. 13 seconds into the second, the Blades would find twine, courtesy of Sean Clarke. Playing from behind once again, Ty Petrou found the back of the net to tie things up before the end of the second, Petrou's second as a Huskie and first of the Showcase.

Lucas Stevenson gave the Huskies their first lead of the game 6 minutes into the third. Burying a shot in a scramble in front of the net, the Huskies enjoyed a lead for roughly 2 minutes before the Blades came back with a vengeance.

Luke Johnston and Aidan Taylor scored in the third to give the Blades a 4-3 lead. The Huskies pelted McCarthy with everything they had but Oakville held on for their first win of the showcase and first ever against Haliburton County.

A comeback by the Canadiens

After the Huskies won the first meeting against the JRC at the SG Nesbitt earlier in September, the JRC were hungry for revenge against the boys in the Blue.

The first period was a dream start for the Huskies, as Captain Patrick Saini lit the lamp not once, but twice. A point shot from Raine Nadeau pinballed towards the net before Saini made the final tip past Josh Branton to give the Huskies the lead.

The second Saini goal came a few minutes later when he ripped down the wing before beating Branton blocker side to double the Huskies lead. JRC added one of their own in the second thanks to Connor Van Wheelie. Heading into the third, the JRC comeback was in full swing.

Luka Grazziano tied the match at 2 a piece before the Huskies saw their win evaporate. Lucas Stanojevic tipped in a shot from Ethan McFarland to give the JRC the 3-2 win, and sent the Huskies back to the County winless in Buffalo.

The Huskies returned to the SG Nesbitt Arena on the Saturday, Sept. 30 for their final match of week four against the Cobourg Cougars.

Cougar Craziess

Heading into the game, Huskies forward Declan Bowmaster announced he has committed to an NCAA D1 school. Bowmaster will be suiting up for Merrimack Col-



Captain Patrick Saini celebrates bumping the score 4-2 against the Cobourg Cougars on Saturday. /TIM YANO special to the Echo

lege once his time as the Huskies is done. Bowmaster is the second Huskies D1 commit after Oliver Tarr signed with Canisius University last season.

Gavin McGahey-Smith was the first Huskie to score, as he buried a shot past Ryan Piros to put the Huskies up by one. Less than two minutes later, and the Cougars tied the game just before the period was up, a scramble in front of the net allowed Jordan Fuller to pot one past Visan.

Lucas Vacca added his second of the season at the 9:50 mark of the second, giving the Huskies their second lead of the match. In typical Cougar fashion, they would score less than three minutes later. Riley Pitt found the back of the net at the 11:04 mark, bringing the game back to level.

The third period saw four goals on the board, the first coming from Captain Patty. Saini drove the net hard and buried a quick shot home to put the Huskies up by one at 3:45 of the third. His goal was swiftly followed by one from Huskies blueliner Izayah Luddington. Ripping a powerful slapshot home from the point, Luddington tallied his first career OJHL goal and first as a Huskie.

The Huskies now enjoyed a 4-2 lead with a lot of time left, but the Cougars stopped the bleeding as Andy Reist beat Visan to cut the lead to one.

The Huskies needed to hold on, but as the clock wore down Alex Bradshaw was given an illegal equipment minor which allowed the Cougars to pull the goalie and make it a 6 on 4. Pitt made no mistake, beating Visan top shelf to send the game to OT.

OT1 solved nothing, but in the dying seconds of OT2 Bowmaster had a breakaway against Piros. Heartbreaking, Bowmaster missed high and the Huskies have set-

tled for their second tie in four games. Bowmaster snapped his stick out of frustration, as emotions were running high on the Haliburton County bench.

Your hometown Huskies will be back on the ice Friday Oct. 6 as they venture to the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex for a second meeting with the Pickering Panthers. They will return to the Nesbitt on Saturday Oct. 7 for a tussle with the Dukes of Wellington.



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Head in the game
Jordyn Hurd of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School keeps the ball away from an opponent from I.E. Weldon School last week during a basketball game. Despite a fast paced game, Haliburton lost 46-24. Below, Maddy Walker reaches for the ball./TIM YANO special to the Echo





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A farewell to Haliburton County

CHRIS STEPHENSON

Special to the Echo

At the recent September library Board meeting, I announced my resignation from Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL.) This was a tough day for me, and I had spent the weekend before calling our Board members and then sharing the news with our staff. Rest assured, I'm not jumping ship to lead another library! I've been happy here, and I've loved this community since I was a kid. My parents live nearby, and I have friends in and around the County. But now, I'm going to make healing my full-time job, as I've had some recent health issues develop, and I need to make some lifestyle changes.

My news was met with understanding and support from my colleagues and wise words from the Board members, who reminded me that taking care of my health is the most important job. Together with them and an amazing library team, we've accomplished much in my two years in Haliburton County. From completing the HCPL Strategic Plan and launching the Dorset Depot Lockers, to re-opening Stanhope branch and making key staffing changes across the library system, it's been a busy time. I was especially pleased to work with the community on the rebranding of the library, building an accessible website with the administrative team, and to finally see the library's first ever courier and programming van arrive and have the HCPL logo affixed.

When I arrived at the library, in the fall



Chris Stephenson, Haliburton County Public Library CEO, will be stepping down from his position this fall. /FILE

of September 2021, I sat down with new and senior staff, partners of the library, our Board members, and patrons to ask what they felt a top priority for HCPL might be. Resoundingly I heard people wanted increased communication about the organization, within it and beyond it, so patrons and residents knew what was going on and what the public library does in each of our communities. That's what I set out to do. And with the help of two local radio stations, three news-

papers, relationships with our local cultural and educational institutions – and many, many library partners and supporters – this part of my job became easy. Wherever I go in Haliburton County, I've enjoyed the conversations I've had with people about their library experience and learned much about how we might continue to refine our programs, the collection, and our services. Even my supermarket trips have resulted in a couple great ideas, or new ways of seeing some

aspect of accessibility at the library!

It's been a bit strange working on my own job posting this week. But I know there's been a lot of change in the library world in Ontario and across Canada, and fall is a time when people might be thinking about moving to a beautiful region. At a recent library conference, I mentioned the position becoming available, and I sensed there was some interest by talented peers who began reimagining a future in Haliburton County.

In my case, I'll be creating a future with my partner, Amanda, on the east coast. The last time I took a hiatus for a health issue 14 years ago, this led to positive change for me, and it also became a creative period. I went back to school to become a credentialed librarian, and I changed the course of my life in a meaningful way. So, for myself, I'm not just a little sad but also excited for what may be around the next corner. Public libraries have given me so much, and I will always support them. Haliburton County Public Library, as you may know, is a special place with committed people. We've done some good things here, and there are more exciting things in the works to come. Thanks to our patrons, visitors, and residents for making me feel at home here. You have been a part of our success.

I'll be at the Administration office in Haliburton (and the Minden Hills branch on Thursdays) until Friday, Oct. 20, and my final event will be the Gala fundraising event hosted by the Friends of the Library, on Sunday, Oct. 22. I hope to see you around before I go.

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15. Beloved comfort food

19. Rural delivery

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21. Typical

22. Pie __ mode

23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

24. Not us

25. Discharge

26. Made empty

30. Fishing net

31. Fast-moving, harmless snake

32. Analyzed into its parts

33. In a way, chilled

34. Hindu queen

35. Circles around the sun

38. Used for emphasis

39. Reactive structures

40. Recommendations

44. Feel intense anger

45. Puke

46. Rural Northern Ireland community

47. Naturally occurring solid material

48. British watch brand

49. Toddler

50. Integrated circuit

51. Being revered

55. "Pets" you can grow

57. Continual

58. Puts together in time

59. Houses temporarily
3. Musical performances

4. After B

5. Every body has one (abbr.)

6. Utilize

7. In a way, disproved

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9. Of she

10. Trauma center

11. Commercial flyer

12. Administered medicine to calm

16. Popular R&B performer

17. Regretted

18. Leg (slang)

22. "Night Train" author

25. More supernatural

27. Baltimore ballplayer

28. Shoe parts

29. Scores perfectly

30. More lucid

32. Trim by cutting

34. Disreputable people

35. Dramatic behaviors

36. Disorder

37. Private box in a theater

38. More dried-up

40. Raw

41. In operation

42. Pillager

43. Butterflies with brown wings

45. Disallow

48. Own up

51. Hungarian city

52. A way to condemn

53. Tax collector

54. Lease

56. Not out

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Answers on page 9

Kawartha Cubs win provincial title

The Kawartha Cubs 15U baseball team has won the OBA Provincial Championship held recently in Newmarket. The Cubs 15U team consisted of many highly skilled players including local players catcher Parker Simms, fielders Brechin Johnston, Chase Winder and Austin Latanville, First baseman Jace Mills, and coaches Darryl Winder and Jamie Johnston. The Kawartha Cubs entered the tournament undefeated in league play. After winning their first game against Scarborough 22 - 2 they went on a roll winning the next three games. The Cubs then played Forest Glade from Windsor which was the only team to beat them in tournament play. It was a back and forth game but the Cubs fell short losing 6 - 5. The next day was set for the Cubs to play Forest Glade once again, as each team had lost once in a double elimination tournament. From the first pitch the boys had shut down defense and strong bats scoring four runs in the first inning. They went onto finish the game in five innings with a dominant 12 - 1 win, becoming the Ontario champs. /Submitted by Amber-Lee Cully



'Some-days' come true

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Beth Johns and Norris Turner greeted about forty guests on Sept. 10 to celebrate their joint 80th birthday party. Since their birthdays are only a few months apart they decided to make it a combined effort. The weather man blessed us all with a sunny day which enhanced the happiness as all gathered in house, in verandah or yard to bring cards and enjoy light hearted chatter and later music. When all were gathered within ear-shot a very capable M.C. invited each person to speak of when or how Norris and Beth had first met. Of course music both sung and played entered into it as expected considering the talents of these two gifted guests of honour.

Christopher Chumbley, son of Leslie and David Chumbley and Dave Char-doneau celebrated their love in the wed-ding at Bracebridge, Winahara Cottage, on Sept. 23. A newly renovated barn in that location was the setting in gor-geous weather performed by Rev. David Barker. Campers and tents were brought to accommodate the many guests who danced later in the barn. Congratulations pour in from the community on this his-toric and happy occasion.

Bill Burden has had the misfortune to experience a fall which caused a bro-ken hip. All of us wish him a happy and healthy return to home and WG Shop-ping Centre.

Have you ever said "I'll do that some-day"? For more than a year now Cindy Foster, Lorne and Mil's daughter, has

been promising that she'll come to check on her parents gravesites. Well fortu-nately her companion, chief care-giver and landlady, Jane said "Let's go up on Monday," As a result she and Cindy from St. Catherines drove up early and included Shirley Rapson on the trip. They offered to bring lunch and arrived before noon, so while it was heating we four visited Maple Lake cemetery locat-ing close family tombstones. Thanks to the near and dear, flowers had been placed by thoughtful relatives. Thanks, Greg and Cheryl and Louise. So what had been a wish, a longing even the "some day" came true and perhaps we could all make, with planning, our "some-days" come true.

Sept. 13 brought us down to earth with the expected but sad good-bye of the funeral of Evelyn Stata aged 100 years and five months. The Rev Harold Morgan led the service at Monk's funeral home. After the customary lunch there for the relatively few in attendance, all of us drove to the Maple Lake United Church cemetery for the burial, the site having been beloved by Eve for so many years.

Sixty people sat down to the Harvest Pork Roast dinner on Sept. 23 at Stan-hope's Community Fire Hall, thanks to the foresight of the Haliburton Historical Society. Margaret and Larry Giles worked behind the scenes to ensure that it hap-pened. Margaret with Shirley Johnston, Margot Ross and Julie Robertson worked tirelessly in kitchen and at the door to ensure all was in place for the happy crowd. Norris Turner, Karen Armstrong, Charles and Cassandra Wyszkoski enter-tained with their lively music while we waited on by servers of Highland School students so capably. The auction of thir-teen items added its own service to com-plete the enjoyment of the event. Thanks to all who participated.

Share The Warmth is all about community

The unseasonably warm temperatures may be welcomed by many in Haliburton County, particularly for those who do not have adequate winter clothing to get them through the coldest months of the year. But before long the days will get cooler and many residents of the area will be needing winter gear that they cannot afford.

The eighth annual Share The Warmth initiative from SIRCH Community Services aims to help keep everyone warm by providing free winter gear for adults and children.

From Oct. 6 through to the 22, everyone is encouraged to donate any winter clothing items they may have that are in good condition. This can include coats, jackets, boots, snow pants, hats, mitts, scarves, etc.

Donation bins will be set up in Minden at Dollo's Foodland, Easton's Valu-Mart, St. Paul's Anglican Church and in Haliburton at Haliburton Foodland, Todd's Independent and Glecoff's Family Store.

If you have items you would like to donate, please ensure they are clean, the zipper works and they are void of stains, rips and other signs of extreme wear.

All donated items will be given away for free on Oct. 28 in Haliburton and Minden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The giveaways will be happening at the SIRCH Bistro, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton and St. Paul's Anglican Church at 19 Invergordon Ave. in Minden.

This initiative was originally started by Tammy Warburton, who came up with the idea during her maternity leave in 2014.

"I just kind of put it together in my spare bedroom," she said. "I had a pile of



Organizers help sort the donations received for the annual Share The Warmth event in 2021. The initiative invites people to donate their winter gear, which will be given away for free on Oct. 28th in Haliburton and Minden. Items accepted include winter coats, boots, hats, mitts, scarves, socks and more. /PHOTO submitted

boots, socks, coats, even warm sweaters."

She ended up giving away nearly 100 items that year, between Haliburton and Minden. She still remembers how grateful the recipients were.

"It was wonderful watching some of the people come in," she said. "It was actually a snowstorm that day and there were a couple of people who came in and they didn't have anything. So when they left they looked so happy."

The following year (2015), Warburton was working for SIRCH Community Services and the organization approached her about partnering with her on the initiative. She was grateful for the help and

this partnership lasted for the next few years. Eventually it grew so much that it became one of SIRCH's annual events.

"They [SIRCH] offered to take it over, and I was so glad for that and so happy

to see it carry on," she said. "SIRCH has done an amazing job with it and I am so proud that they were the organization to take it over. It was a need and SIRCH is wonderful at finding the needs."

Warburton still helps out as a volunteer every year and is thrilled to see so much generosity in Haliburton County.

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Submitted by SIRCH Community Services



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Tuesday, October 24th, 2023
- **TIME:** 9:05 AM
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave, Haliburton, ON, and in electronic format using Zoom.

APPLICATIONS:

Lands of Petrini
(File No: D14-ZB-2023-006)

- **Purpose and Effect:** The proposed amending By-law would change the zoning from General Industrial (M) zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone to General Industrial M- XX (M-XX) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) Zone in order to reduce the minimum exterior side yard setback to 8.1 metres and to accurately delineate the Environmental Protection (EP) zone on the subject property.
- **Location:** legally described as Part Lots 11 and 12, Concession 9 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

This meeting will be conducted both in-person and in electronic format.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 3rd day of October 2023.

Kris Orsan, CPT,
Manager of Planning
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In Loving Memory of
Kelly (McKelvey), Ruth Edith

It is with great sadness that we announce that Ruth Edith Kelly went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior and is reunited with her husband Ken Kelly and firstborn son Dane, on Monday, September 25th, with her family by her side, in her 89th year.

Ruth was born in Alliston, Ontario on May 31, 1935. She married Ken Kelly and was his devoted wife for 66 years. They welcomed 3 boys into their family, Dane 1961 (predeceased 1963), Brock (Tracey) 1963, Aaron (Ada) 1966. A cherished Gramma to Dane (Calley), McKelvey (Logan), Avery (Jeff), Cole (Carissa), Taryn (Owen), and Great "Big" Gramma to Lincoln and Aria. Ruth was a much loved sister to Jean (Bert), Aunt to their children Kelly (Jim) and Tanya (Ian), sister in law to Olive 'Kel' (Jim) Edgar, Bert (Lola) Kelly, John (Betty) Kelly, Gord (Vera) Kelly, Dave (Joan) Kelly, Sam (Shirley) Kelly, Barb (Earl) Collins, Roy (Aase) Kelly, Gary (Betty) Kelly, Bill (Sheila) Kelly and many more nieces and nephews.

Ruth was a longtime resident of Beeton Ontario. Her parents were well known in the community, her Father, Doc McKelvey, who was a veterinarian, the General Manager of the House of Refuge, which later became the Beeton Manor as well as the Reeve of Beeton, and her mother Mable who was a wonderful helpmate to her husband and fully involved in the running of the Manor. Ruth was also tasked to work at the Manor along with her sister Jean at a young age. Ruth preferred working alongside her Uncle Harry, who was the handyman around the Manor and was often seen in the barn with the horses or driving the tractor. She went on to complete her post-secondary education in Toronto to become a teacher. She said there were three choices at the time for women, a secretary, a nurse or a teacher and she much preferred the latter as her vocation in life. She spent most of her teaching career at Base Borden teaching Grade 8, and most Friday nights would meet up with her sister Jean and her brother-in-law Bert Platt, both teachers, regaling the past week's events in their respective schools. She enjoyed her profession and often would recall the days of practicing for school plays or getting her students to complete their assignments. Her career of 33 years as a teacher was very rewarding and she cherished many friendships along the way. On July 21, 1956, Ruth married Ken Kelly. They had met at a young age and Dad knew at the age of 12 that he would marry her someday. They enjoyed a wonderful life together filled with a lot of hockey, travel and welcoming 3 cherished sons. They also had time for many wonderful lifelong friendships and their social calendar was always full of many a gathering. Ruth recalled many hockey events as she tagged along with Ken and the Oldtimer team from Beeton. She always enjoyed the social events and the shenanigans of her husband who was usually dressed up in some sort of get up to garner a laugh from their friends, life was full of laughter. After 33 years of teaching Ruth decided to retire. She entered retirement with enthusiasm and filled her days with gatherings with friends and family. She was an avid card player, bridge being her specialty, but her grandchildren remember her as a gifted euchre player. She was a proud Gramma and always cherished the time she had with them. It was during this time Ken and Ruth decided to make Haliburton home for 16 years. She enjoyed her time on the lake, but Beeton was always home for her. They moved back in 2015 and eventually moved into Simcoe Village, the same place she lived as a girl when her parents ran the Manor. She often commented that she had come home!

She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. As a family, we would like to extend our thanks to Talbot Manor staff for their care of Mom over the last 5 months and to the care team at St Joseph's Hospice in London for the care and comfort they extended to Mom and her family in her final hours.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Wednesday October 4, 2023 from 11am until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 12pm. Reception will follow. Interment will be held in Trinity Cemetery Beeton. For those who wish donations in Ruth's memory to Canadian Cancer Society -Childhood Cancer would be appreciated. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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In Loving Memory of
Clifford Maxwell McKelvey

Max passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the age of 84, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Dear father of Keith and Marie-Claire, Andrew and Jenna, Heather and Kirk. Loving Papa Max/Grandpa to Lauren, Tessa, Ashley, Brianna, Alexa, Marshall, Natalie and Amélie. Son of the late Mary and Harold McKelvey. Dear brother of Pearl (the late Arnold) Cowen, Vera (the late Ron) Smith, Irma (Don) Pasquino, Nancy (Jim) Ackerblade and predeceased by Frank (the late Barb MacKeigan) McKelvey. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, in-laws, extended family and many, many friends.

Max worked primarily as a front-end loader operator for the Township of Minden for 25 years, and worked on road construction and maintenance throughout Ontario for more than 50 years. Max was a well-known fixture in Minden, where he lived his whole life. He had a heart of gold and was liked by all. He could regularly be found on Main Street sharing a chat or a laugh or at the very least, a G'day.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Max's Life at 12:00 pm, followed by interment at Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow at 2:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, 12847 Hwy. 35, Minden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations directed to Archie Stouffer Nutrition Program for Kids in Memory of Max McKelvey through the link below would be appreciated by the family. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/48501?fundID=246378&v2=true>



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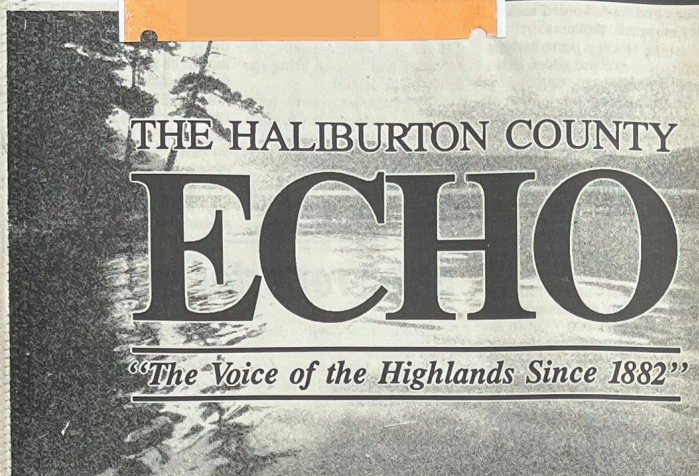
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Black liquor is okay - but is it useful at Soyers Lake?

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

After going through Ministry of the Environment reports, Dr. David Pengelly isn't very worried about the use of black liquor as a dust suppressant.

But should Domtar be granted ministry permission to put dioxins into its waste product, the Soyers Lake cottager would be very much against having it anywhere near a road. Dioxins are highly toxic and have a half life of 10 years; they'll still be at half their strength a decade from now.

This is worrisome if the waste material seeps into the ground water, or is ingested by animals on the road. The dioxins would be passed on through the food chain, with harmful effects.

At Thursday night's Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting, Dr. Pengelly argued on behalf of the Soyers Lake Ratepayers' Association that a dust suppressant isn't really needed. However, if council disagrees, then he suggests that using calcium chloride is not only more efficient, but less expensive.

He noted that Soyers Lake Road is relatively humid and there is an average of 200 vehicles a day on the road. Black liquor - a waste product from Domtar's cardboard factory in Trenton - is best suited for roads with the opposite conditions.

Correspondingly, calcium chloride is best used where the soil is porous, such as the Soyers Lake Road.

Councils have always favoured black liquor because it is provided free of charge. The only cost is the application. But Dr. Pengelly says that because black liquor is not really very good as a dust suppressant, it must be applied more often, and it should only be applied immediately after a road has been graded.

"Black liquor has less than one-sixth the effect even when applied 10 times as often as calcium chloride," Dr. Pengelly said. "It doesn't seem sensible that someone (Domtar) can solve its waste management problems by shipping it off to other municipalities."

Calcium chloride is more expensive, but it is more effective.

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County's choice for CAO job backs out

■ It's back to the drawing board to fill 4-month vacancy

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

The county's first choice to fill the chief administrative officer's position has rejected the job offer.

After being interviewed by the personnel committee and accepting the job last Friday the candidate, whose name has not been revealed, changed his mind over the weekend.

He was one of 32 candidates who applied for the job, vacant since Gary McKnight took the position of administrator at

Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home last June.

Five of the applicants were interviewed and county council will now have to decide if they will move down the list to make another selection or begin the whole process again in light of the selected candidate's withdrawal.

The decision to advertise for a CAO was made by the county council in August and a month has now passed since the September 21 deadline for applicants.

The vote on the hiring plan was a contentious one. By a 13-6 vote council agreed to fill the CAO's position rather than hire a clerk-treasurer. It is expected the decision will be revisited at tomorrow's (Wednesday) county council meeting.

Ailing Bill Scott returns home after a brief stay in hospital

Former MP Bill Scott is home in Kilmount after a brief hospital stay.

"He's doctoring at home now," said his son, Guy, on Monday morning. "We still don't know what was the matter, but he's not seriously ill."

Last week, the riding's long-standing Member of Parliament spent a few days in Minden and Peterborough hospitals. Last spring, he announced that after

27 years in Conservative politics, he would not seek another term in office. It had been a very tiring life, and he wanted to be able to spend more time at home with his wife, Betty.

As people learned he was ill, "our phone as almost burst off the hook," says Guy. Many people are very fond of Bill Scott, who earned a lot of loyalty during his years of service in Ottawa.



A HUNDRED HOMETOWN TREES: Terry Sicard of Haliburton IGA places one of the 100 ash trees that were planted at Head Lake Park on Saturday as part of IGA's Hometown Trees project. Store owner Janet O'Neil, right, helps out, while teacher Diane Dron and some of her students look on. Two evergreen trees also were planted in memory of former Echo advertising manager Creighton Feir. Many students and parents turned out to help dig and plant.

Council follows in Creighton's footsteps

One of Haliburton's most loved residents will be honoured in the place he loved the most.

Dysart council has agreed to name the boardwalk along Head Lake Park in memory of the late Creighton Feir.

Creighton, who at one time owned the Echo and was its long-serving advertising manager, was often seen walking along the boardwalk. Walking was his favourite form of exercise, and this was his favourite place to walk. But as he walked, he'd often stop to chat with people along the way, or lift his arm in greeting to the passersby on Highway 121.

He died in May, leaving a large gap in both the Echo and the community.

Last month, the Haliburton Rotary Club asked council's permission to name the boardwalk in Creighton's honour. Council postponed its decision for a month, wanting to get public reaction.

Not surprisingly, the public was very much in favour of the idea. Creighton was loved and respected by everyone he met. He was known for his kindness and his humour, and above all, his willingness to listen and to help.

The Rotary Club is now designing the plaque, which council will install.

Fundraiser wants to help new mums

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

Every year the 'Born in Haliburton' list increases by 30

or 40 names. The joy a mother feels giving birth to her child close to home and among familiar faces is an additional bonus to the arrival of her new baby.

Unfortunately, for the mothers who are able to give birth at the Haliburton Hospital (because of limited facilities most first-time mothers go to a larger hospital), some of the outdated and uncomfortable equipment can make the experience less pleasant than it needs to be.

Now the obstetrics doctors at the hospital are organizing a campaign to raise money for a couple of pieces of modern equipment.

"There are two items that are really important, said Dr. Tina Moga. "We need a birthing chair and modern forceps."

Together with Dr. Norm Bottum, Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Kristy Gammon she is approaching the Rotary Club and the public to raise \$1,500 needed to buy the two items.

"The Cadillac of birthing chairs is \$12,000," said Dr. Moga. "But that's way out of our realm."

Instead, Dr. Bottum wants to ask Western University to design a portable chair that fits a regular hospital bed.

With the change in ideas on

how a mother should give birth, the old fashioned metal slab at the hospital needs to be replaced with a more comfortable birthing chair.

"We just cringe when we see patients using the bed," said Dr. Moga. A new chair would allow mothers to sit propped up and a portable version would avoid the need to move a mother from her

uating from Ottawa University and a year's internship in Toronto.

"Births are the most enjoyable part of my job. I think it's a special experience and mothers need a warm, comfortable environment, with people they know around them."

The small hospital already welcomes patients in a more home-

"They need a warm, comfortable environment with people they know around them," says Dr. Moga.

hospital bed to that dreaded metal slab. The labour and birth could take place on the same bed.

The old steel forceps are also outmoded and the doctors avoid using them. Consequently when they are needed, when the baby needs a nudge towards the end of the labour process, the doctors feel uncomfortable using them.

The modern forceps use a rubber cap and are electric powered, lessening the risk to the child. The can be as much as \$3,300 but Moga said the doctors would be happy to get a more streamlined version available for \$300.

Dr. Moga has had a family practice in Haliburton for seven years. She moved here after grad-

like setting but staff have been working towards updating and improving the comfort and safety for their obstetrics patients for some time.

Last year the hospital raised funds for an infant warmer - a large bassinet for newborns.

All the doctors attended a neonatal resuscitation course given by Dr. Allan White from Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Having a hospital close to home, and the friendly, familiar staff help provide the comforting environment mothers want.

But the staff and doctors need just a little help making it that little bit better.



DR. BOIVUS, proud parents and Dr. Tina Moga (centre rear) with some of the babies delivered at Haliburton Hospital. Back row: Janet Botham and Ian Botham (3 mths), Stephen Smith and Matthew Smith (9 mths). Front row: Megan Botham (3 yrs), Brittany (31/2 yrs), Sue and Brandon Thomas (18 mths).

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